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SUBJECT: TFGG01: GEORGIA TASK FORCE SITUATION REPORT NO. 29

RUSSIANS BLOCK POTI, ARREST "SPY"

1. (SBU) Russian troops are using armored personnel carriers to block the bridge into Poti, media report. Embassy Tbilisi received reports of Gori checkpoints being moved to the city outskirts. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi telcon, AP)

2. (SBU) Explosions were reported throughout August 20 at Senaki base. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi e-mail)

3. (U) Russian authorities announced they arrested a senior Russian army officer of Georgian descent in the Stavropol region on suspicion of spying for Georgia. (moscowtimes.ru)

4. (U) Human Rights Watch called on Russia to clear unexploded bombs, particularly cluster munitions, littering areas of Georgia. Russia denied deploying such munitions. (Reuters)

5. (U) Russian officials reported 64 Russian soldiers

have been killed and 323 wounded in the conflict.
(ITAR-TASS)

MOSCOW RECALLS NATO AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS

¶16. (SBU) Russian DFM Grushko said Moscow is reviewing its relationship with NATO, including military cooperation programs. (TF/Embassy Moscow telcon)

EVANS CHILDREN SAFE AT EMBASSY TBILISI, TO RETURN TO U.S.

¶17. (SBU) The French Ambassador to Georgia returned to Tbilisi with the two Evans children, who were met at the embassy by Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ) and their father. The family is planning to return to the United States in the next few days. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi e-mail)

HUMANITARIAN AID UPDATE

¶18. (U) A 17-person ICRC team visited the main hospital in Tskhinvali to assess medical and surgical needs. (Reuters)

CHAIRMAN BERMAN, SENATOR LUGAR TBILISI-BOUND

¶19. (SBU) House Armed Forces Committee Chairman Berman (D-CA) plans to visit Tbilisi August 22. (TF/Embassy Paris e-mail)

¶10. (SBU) Senator Lugar (R-IN) will visit Georgia August 23. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi e-mail)

¶11. (U) Minimize considered.

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